GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Freight Corridor Project
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the freight corridor proposed by the Railways is being delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways has acquired the land required for construction of the said freight corridor;

(d) if so, the details of the land acquired; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to mobilize funds in view of heavy cost likely to be incurred on the proposed freight corridor project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): The Dedicated Freight Corridors (Eastern and Western) are targeted for completion in phases from 2017 to 2019. In the initial period, the project took time to take off due to change in alignment, problem of land acquisition and sanction of loans by multilateral lending agencies.

(c) & (d): Award of 20 F (Compensation Award) under Railway Amendment Act 2008, for 85% of land for Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors has been completed.

(e): The Project is funded by a mix of loan from World Bank to the tune of US $ 2.725 billion (for the Eastern DFC -Ludhiana-Mughalsarai Section -1192 km) and Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA) to the tune of ` 38,722 crore (for the Western DFC -Jawaharlal Nehru Port - Dadri, 1520 km) and Budgetary resources.

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